

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Pavel, et al.**

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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING HYDROGEN OPTICAL EMISSION ENDPOINT DETECTION FOR PHOTORESIST STRIP AND RESIDUE REMOVAL**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 9, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 9, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including excess claim fees or extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.